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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED U.S.-ROC RELATIONS FROM SENATOR FONG, CONGRESSMAN JOHN RHODES AND CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SYMMS PROMINENTLY REPORTED BY TAIPEI MEDIA THIS WEEK.

--SENATOR FONG QUOTED BY CHINA TIMZC (350,000) WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JACK CHOW IN INTERVIEW AS PREDICTING NO "SUBSTANTIAL RESULT" WOULD EVOLVE FROM PRESIDENT FORD'S PEKING VISIT. ESTABLISHING US-PRC FORMAL RELATIONS WOULD BE "ANOTHER SHOCK TO WHOLE WORLD" AND WOULD NOT WIN NEW FRIEND BUT WOULD LOSE OLD FRIEND.

--CHOW ALSO QUOTED GOP HOUSE LEADER RHODES SAYING IN INTERVIEW NOTHING DEFINITE WOULD COME FROM THE FORD VISIT; GOP CONSERVATIVES HOLD "EXTREMELY STRONG POSITION" AGAINST ANY NEW CONCESSIONS ON TAIWAN ISSUE AND FORD WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT GO AGAINST THIS CURRENT IF HE WISHES BE NOMINATED IN 1976.

--CONGRESSMAN SYMMS, IN TAIPEI FOR CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK

RALLY, QUOTED AS SAYING AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT 72 PERCENT OF POLLED AMERICANS OPPOSE US-PRC RELATIONS AT EXPENSE OF ROC, US-ROC ALLIANCE UNBREAKABLE, DETENTE NOT POSSIBLE BETWEEN LIBERTY AND TYRANNY, ROC SHOULD INVITE SOLZHENITSYN FOR A VISIT AND SYMMS HIMSELF WILL SUGGEST TO PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER THEY VISIT TAIWAN.

--TIME INTERNATIONAL JULY 14 ARTICLE DISCUSSING ASIAN DEFENSE AND TAIWAN NUCLEAR RESEARCH DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT BEING CENSORED ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY HELD UP OVER WEEKEND WHILE REVIEW UNDERWAY. NEWSWEEK JULY 14 PAGES REMOVED BECAUSE THAI-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS STORY INCLUDING PICTURE MAO TSE-TUNG.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--POST FOUND STAGS CURT MATTHEWS OF ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH AND DR. STEPHEN HORN OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LONG BEACH HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, AGREEABLE AND COOPERATIVE IN WIDE RANGE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. BOTH COMPETENT LECTURERS BUT PARTICULARLY ARTICULATE AND FORCEFUL EXPLAINERS OF THE U.S. SYSTEM IN INFORMAL QUESTION-AND-ANSWER FORMAT. MATTHEW'S DIRECT, MEASURED, THOUGHTFUL DELIVERY CAME THROUGH PARTICULARLY WELL WITH CHINESE GROUPS. HORN LECTURED AT USIS TO AN AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 150 ON "DETERMINANTS IN U.S. POLICIES" AND MATTHEWS SPOKE ON THE "ROLE OF PRESS IN U.S. GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM" TO A SIMILAR AUDIENCE. BOTH ADEPTLY HANDLED FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS. BOTH PARTICIPATED IN AN EFFECTIVE TWO-HOUR SEMINAR AT TAMKANG COLLEGE'S AMERICAN STUDIES INSTITUTE; DISCUSSION LIVELY, RANGING FROM U.S. POLICY ANALYSIS PROCESS TO WHETHER U.S. PRESS FREEDOM JEOPARDIZES NATIONAL SECURITY. BOTH ALSO PARTICIPATED IN MEDIA BACKGROUND BRIEFING FOR ABOUT 40 REPRESENTATIVES AT USIS WHERE QUESTION-AND-ANSWER EXCHANGE WENT ON FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS.

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--VOLUNTEER SPEAKER THOMAS FITZSIMMONS GAVE ONE PUBLIC LECTURE AND CONDUCTED TWO SEMINARS AND TWO POETRY READINGS IN HIS FOUR-DAY PROGRAM IN TAIPEI. HE ALSO HAD SEVERAL INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH LEADING POETS OF THIS COUNTRY. HIS PROGRAM DEMONSTRATED THE IDEAS AND CREATIVITY OF AN AMERICAN POET AND ALSO HELPED USIS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ABOUT 20 LEADING CHINESE POETS AND WRITERS WHOM WE HAD RARELY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH.

--TWO INFLUENTIAL NEWSPAPERS, INDEPENDENCE EVENING POST (40,000) AND NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS (90,000) CARRIED ITEMS FROM THE POST'S IPS-PROVIDED "WASHINGTON ECONOMIC NEWS-LETTER" ON UPTURN IN U.S. ECONOMY.

--POST INVITED PROMINENT FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCERS AND DIRECTORS TO SEE IMV'S VTR "FILM" IN POST'S MULTIMEDIA STUDIO. ALTHOUGH AMERICAN FILM CRITIC PAULINE KAEI NOT WELL KNOWN LOCALLY, AUDIENCE COMMENTS INDICATED SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN THIS INTRODUCTION TO WORLD OF AMERICAN FILM REVIEW.

--VTRS CONTINUE TO BE POPULAR AND EFFECTIVE IN PROGRAMMING IN TAIPEI ALONE FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 114 TAPES IN LIBRARY SHOWN 907 TIMES TO 4,133 VIEWERS. MOST FREQUENT TITLES: TOWARDS A TRULY GLOBAL SOCIETY, PRESIDENT FORD'S STATE OF UNION MESSAGE, AGE OF MAN IN SPACE.

--ICS-PROVIDED INTERNATIONAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED THROUGH LIBRARY REFERENCE SERVICE DELIVERED UNDER PERSONAL LETTER FROM CPAO TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL. EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, GRC OFFICIAL CALLED IT "A VERY COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AND THE STATISTICAL DATA IN IT ARE ESPECIALLY USEFUL".
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